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AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE

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1. Post communicated reftel invitation from President Obama for TFG President Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed to attend the lunch for Sub-Saharan African Heads of State and Government via diplomatic note on September 4.  
2. President Sharif thanked us for the invitation and personally communicated his regrets for not being able to attend the lunch to Ambassador Ranneberger on September 13. President Sharif will not be in New York on September 22, having accepted a long-standing invitation to attend a university opening with 40 heads of state in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He plans to arrive in the U.S. for the UN General Assembly on September 24.  
RANNEBERGER